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Education

2021 – 2026

Yale University

(Expected)

Ph.D. in Health Policy and Management (Economics Track)

Dissertation: Enhanced Payments for Behavioral Health: A Path to Improved Community-Based Care Delivery

Committee: Susan Busch (Chair), Jacob Wallace, Benjamin Druss (Emory University)

2024

Yale University

M.Phil. in Health Policy and Management (Economics Track)

2021

Fudan University

B.A. in Health Policy and Management (with the Highest Honors and Distinction)

Undergraduate Thesis: The Impact of Urban–Rural Resident Medical Insurance Integration on Insurance Coverage and Healthcare Utilization Among Rural Residents

2018

University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

Exchange Student in Statistics (Top 1% Selected Exchange Scholar, UCLA Education Abroad Program)

Areas of Interest

Mental health and substance use disorder, payment and insurance policy, evidence-based behavioral health delivery, health-related quality of life

Peer-Reviewed Publications

2024

Liu, R.[†], Beetham, T., Newton, H., & Busch, S. H. “[Access to treatment before and after Medicare coverage of opioid treatment programs.](#)” *Health Affairs Scholar*, 2(6), qxae076.

([†]First and corresponding author).

2021 Pan, C. W.[†], **Liu, R. J.**[†], Yang, X. J., Ma, Q. H., Xu, Y., Luo, N., & Wang, P. “[Could the EQ-5D-3L predict all-cause mortality in older Chinese? Evidence from a 5-year longitudinal study in eastern China.](#)” *Quality of Life Research*, 30(10), 2887–2894. ([†]Co-first authors with equal contribution).

2021 Liu, X., Zhang, L., Shang, C., & **Liu, R.** “[International experience and enlightenment of payment for innovative drugs under DRG payment.](#)” *World Clinical Drug*, 42(7), 547–550. (in Chinese)

2020 Pan, C. W., Zhang, R. Y., Luo, N., He, J. Y., **Liu, R. J.**, Ying, X. H., & Wang, P. “[How the EQ-5D utilities are derived matters in Chinese diabetes patients: a comparison based on different EQ-5D scoring functions for China.](#)” *Quality of Life Research*, 29, 3087–3094.

Manuscripts in Preparation

- **Liu, R.**, Wallace, J., Druss, B., & Busch, S. H. “Transforming Community Mental Health Care to Improve Access: Findings from a Medicaid Demonstration Program.”
- **Liu, R.**, Druss, B., Wallace, J., & Busch, S. H. “Enhanced Payments and Care Quality: Evidence from Community Behavioral Health Clinics.”
- **Liu, R.**, Druss, B., Wallace, J., & Busch, S. H. “From Integration to Outcomes: Behavioral Health Payment Reform and Physical Health in Medicaid.”

Honors, Grants, and Scholarships

2023, 2024 Paul D. Cleary Scholarship, Yale University

2023 Conference Travel Fellowship, Yale University

2021 First Prize, National Undergraduate Thesis Award in Public Health (China), Dean’s Forum of Schools of Medicine and Health Management in China

2021 Shanghai Municipal Outstanding Graduate (Top 1% municipal-wide), Fudan University

2017-2020 Outstanding Student Scholarship (Top 1% university-wide), Fudan University

2019 Delong Research Grant (Merit-based research funding), Fudan University

2018 Excellent International Exchange Student Scholarship, Fudan University

Presentations and Invited Talks

“Enhanced Payments for Behavioral Health: A Path to Improved Access”

- Podium Presentation. AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting. June 10, 2025. Minneapolis, MN.

“Access to treatment before and after Medicare coverage of opioid treatment programs”

- Podium Presentation. AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting. June 29, 2024. Baltimore, MD.
- Podium Presentation. American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon). June 17, 2024. San Diego, CA.
- Poster Presentation. Addiction Health Services Research Conference. October 18, 2023. New York, NY.

“Could the EQ-5D-3L predict all-cause mortality in older Chinese? Evidence from a 5-year longitudinal study in eastern China”

- Podium Presentation. Annual Conference of Chinese Pharmaceutical Association. June 19, 2021. Zhejiang, China.
- *Award:* Early Career Investigator Award

“Understanding the Global Landscape of Health Economics Research”

- Invited Talk. Department of Health Economics, Fudan University. June 2021. Shanghai, China.

Teaching Experience

Spring 2025 Teaching Fellow, **Mental Health Care Policy in the US** (Yale University)

- Instructor: Prof. Susan Busch
- Co-designed the midterm project; supported course instruction; provided feedback on student assignments (16 students)

Fall 2023 Teaching Fellow, **Health Politics, Governance, and Policy** (Yale University)

- Instructor: Prof. Mark Schlesinger
- Delivered a guest session on youth mental health; ran monthly review sessions; advised students on final group projects (53 students)

Spring 2023 Teaching Fellow, **Methods in Health Services Research** (Yale University)

- Instructor: Prof. Jacob Wallace
- Led weekly discussion sessions and R-based study halls; graded midterm and final exams (122 students)

Professional Services and Memberships

Professional memberships

AcademyHealth, American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon), Addiction Health Service Research (AHSR)

Manuscript reviewer

Health Affairs Scholar

Technical Skills

Programming

RStudio, Python, Stata, CiteSpace, L^AT_EX

Languages

English (Full Professional Proficiency), Mandarin (Native), Japanese (Basic), Korean (Basic)